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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 25, with the following amended paragraph:

--Any suitable polyanionic component may be employed in accordance with the present invention. Such polyanionic component should be ophthalmically acceptable, compatible with the other components of the composition, and effective, in ophthalmically reasonable concentrations, to provide lubrication to the eye when administered to the eye and to otherwise function in accordance with the present invention. In one useful embodiment, at least one, and preferably all of the polyanionic component portions are selected from anionic cellulosic derivatives and mixtures thereof. A very useful embodiment provides that at least one, and preferably all, of the polyanionic component portions be selected from the group consisting of carboxy methyl celluloses and mixtures thereof.--